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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The main staff has been placed there in order to carry out the work."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, when this Government can expect the Government of India to furnish the necessary capital to carry out the execution of the project? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am unable to say exactly when the Government of India will be able to provide the finances necessary for the execution of the project."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Seeing the extraordinary amount to be spent for this project, was any communication addressed to the Central Government to put up the necessary expenditure for the inauguration of this project? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" After the investigation was fairly complete, we sent a report to the Government of India. We asked the Government of India only to sanction the project and to help us with loans. We did not ask them to give us any grants."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Is any such investigation also going on with regard to the Sangameswaram Project? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, investigation is going on in regard to that project also."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" What is the reply of the Central Government with regard to the request made by the Government of Madras? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Central Government replied that in view of their present financial position, it would not be possible for them to sanction the project at present."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" When it is not possible to get the necessary money and material for one project, what is the use of going on with the investigation of another big project? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" When it is possible to find money for one project, it will be equally possible to find money for the other also."

Partition Council for the formation of the Andhra Province.

* 83 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Partition Council has been set up in pursuance of any direction from the Government of India on the question of the formation of the Andhra Province;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, who the members of the Committee are and whether they represent all the interests affected by the Partition;

(*c*) what the terms of reference to the Partition Council are;

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(*d*) whether the Partition Council has to submit its report to the Government of Madras or to the Government of India;

(*e*) whether the Government of Madras will submit their own report or forward the report of the Partition Council with their observations; and

(*f*) whether an opportunity will be given to the Legislature to express its views on the report of the Partition Council before the Government finalize their views for submission to the Government of India?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) A Partition Committee has been set up by this Government as suggested by the Government of India.

" (*b*) The members of the Committee are—

(1) Hon. Sri P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Premier (*Chairman*).

(2) Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam.

(3) Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi.

(4) Hon. Sri K. Madhava Menon.

(5) Hon. Sri N. Sanjeeva Reddi.

(6) Sri T. Prakasam.

(7) Sri T. T. Krishnamachari.

(8) Sri Kala Venkata Rao.

" The Government consider that these gentlemen are suitable representatives of the Andhra and non-Andhra areas of the Province.

" (*c*) It was not considered necessary to draw up the terms of reference to the Partition Committee as the Government's object in constituting it is to settle, by agreement, all the issues which have to be determined in connection with the formation of the Andhra Province.

" (*d*) & (*e*) This Government will forward the recommendations of the Partition Committee with its own remarks to the Government of India.

" (*f*) This is not considered necessary as the work before the Partition Committee is confined to the settlement of the details in connexion with the formation of the Andhra Province, which has already been recommended by the Legislature of this Province, and as the final decision rests with the Government of India."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, why was not even a member from the Bellary district taken into this Committee, since important decisions have been taken with regard to that district, which is predominantly in the Karnatika area? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The question was mainly with regard to the division of this whole Province between Andhra and the residuary Province and Bellary has been

taken to be in the Andhra Province till now, and therefore we did not think it was necessary to have a specific Kannada gentleman in this Committee."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Sir, since two-thirds of the population of the Bellary district speak the Kannada language and since it is predominently in the Karnatika districts, and since a member from that district offered to serve in this Committee (an hon. Member : Who is that member who offered to serve in the Committee? Sri B. Bhima Rao : Myself, Sir) why is it that no member was associated with this committee in order to give his views?"

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The majority of the taluks that constitute the Bellary district, the language of the population in those taluks and their position with regard to the new province, have all been considered by the Government, and because all these taluks are in the Telugu speaking area of the Andhra districts, it was thought that it was not necessary to have a separate member in the Committee to represent those taluks."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Sir, even with regard to those three taluks which are mentioned in the schedule to the resolution that is proposed to be moved to-day by the Government, is it not a fact that those members who stood for election to the district board on the Andhra Congress ticket, have all been defeated?"

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Because Kannada candidates stood for the elections, from these three taluks, perhaps the result of the elections may be so, but that does not alter our decision in any way."

Sri S. B. ADITYAN :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that two of the members of the Partition Committee visited the Bellary district in the first week of November and ascertained the views of the people in that district?"

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Janab ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the report that appeared in the papers to-day with regard to the importance of the Bellary district in the Andhra Province in the statement of the Hon. Prime Minister of India, that it would be difficult to form an Andhra Province before the 26th of this month, on account of the objection, from the Bellary district?"

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I have not read the report referred to by the hon. Member, but I take it from him, Sir."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" How is it relevant to this question?"

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, which non-Andhra member represents the Bellary district in the Partition Council?"

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There are four non-Andhra members in the Partition Committee and they are responsible for all that is done for the Bellary district."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether this Government have submitted their views on the Partition Committee's report? " 11-15 a.m.

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The answer was given long before. The mere fact that we have brought this matter before this Council will show that we want to take this Council into the scheme of things and get their approval."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know, Sir, the date on which this Government have received the communication from the Government of India giving them directions in this matter? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I can give the date, but I am not quite sure of the correct date. If some time is given to me, I will be able to answer."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know the approximate date, Sir."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I shall get the information and then answer the question."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" If the Government felt, Sir, that it was not necessary to prescribe any terms of reference to the Partition Committee, may we at least know what subjects have been dealt with by the Partition Committee, now that their report is in the possession of the Government? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" All those subjects which the Government of India asked us to refer to the Partition Committee have been referred to them."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May we know, Sir, what the subjects referred to by the Government of India are? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It refers to many matters commencing from the High Court up to the last departmental divisions that are to be followed. On this matter, discussion has been going on for a number of days, and certain conclusions have been arrived at by the Partition Committee, whose recommendations have been submitted to the Government of India."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, will the Hon. the Leader of the House place on the table of the House the communication received from the Government of India, the report of the Partition Committee and the report of the Government of Madras to the Government of India in the matter? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, categorically what the subjects dealt with by the Partition Committee are? "

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It cannot be given, or placed on the table of the House because it is a confidential reference to this Government from the Government of India."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, with reference to the question put by my friend Mr. Adityan, whether 95 per cent of the people present at the meeting place represented to the Hon. Minister Mr. Gopala Reddi and the Hon. Minister Mr. Bhaktavatsalam who went to Bellary for this purpose, that the integrity of the Bellary district should be maintained as a whole, and that it should not be split up, and that no portion of the district should be included in the Andhra Province to be formed? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It may be so, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the two Hon. Ministers who went to Bellary have submitted their reports to the Partition Committee regarding the feeling of the Bellary district in the matter of including it in the Andhra Province or in the residuary Province of Madras? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Partition Committee is in possession of the report by the two Hon. Ministers."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, in public interests, would it not be better to lay all the cards on the table instead of following a hush-hush policy? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There is no hush-hush policy. The communications between the two Governments cannot be divulged in this House."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether in the second communication of the Government of India, which has been published in the *Indian Express* of December 21st, the Government of India expressed themselves against the proposal to include the disputed taluks of Bellary district in the Andhra Province? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Newspaper reports may say anything. We are not bound by that nor can we say that it is a fact."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Can the Government say, Sir, that this communication is published in the *Indian Express* because it is officially inspired? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think it refers to the six taluks which were excluded from Andhra. I understand the disputed portion is these six taluks."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" The whole district is disputed (Laughter.) Is it not a fact that the Dhar Committee has stated in paragraph 34 of their report that neither party is satisfied with the Kelkar award and each lays claim to the entire district or a greater portion of it? "

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is purely a matter of opinion. We are not concerned with the Dhar Committee's report."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have come to the conclusion that these three taluks which have been included in the schedule, are undisputed taluks, and that they are clearly Andhra taluks?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" They contain predominantly a large Andhra population."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" In view of the statement made by the Hon. the Leader of the House that the report of the Government of Madras to the Central Government will not be placed on the table of the House, may I enquire, Sir, whether the Government gave a copy of the report to the Press and whether the reports in the Press are correct?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government have issued a press communique on this matter, and that is all what this Government have done."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if the Partition Committee, which is supported by this Government, did recommend that the six taluks of Bellary district should be constituted into a separate district and should be administered by the Andhra Province, and that the Government of India's communication, published in the *Indian Express*, came in the interval?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The recommendation made by this Committee was that those taluks that were referred to should be omitted, and that they should not be included in the Andhra Province, and that they should be constituted into a separate district till such time as was found necessary."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Under whose administration are they to remain, Sir?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I do not know what the point is that is being discussed. As matters stand at present, all these six taluks are excluded."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" My point is that the Partition Committee (according to the report published in the Press) supported by the Madras Government suggested that these six taluks may be formed into a separate district and that they should be administered by the Andhra Province. But the Government of India told this Government that they would not accept this position. All these are in the papers."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" That is the earlier report. The latest report, so far as we know, is that the Partition Committee and the Madras Government have come to the decision that they should be outside the Andhra Province."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know, Sir, why the Government would not take us into their confidence, and place their report to the Government of India on this very important subject on the table of this House?"

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The matter of separating and constituting a Province, and the division of State, etc., come under the fundamental duties of the Government of India. The Government of India have asked for the opinion of this Government to enable them to arrive at a decision. This Government have submitted their report to them."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Hon. the Leader of the House remembers that he agreed to place all these proposals before the Legislature before submitting the views of this Government to the Government of India?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" If any undertaking was given by me, it was in reply to a suggestion that was put to me. I thought at the time I gave that undertaking that it should be possible to give the information. But, since then things have gone much faster than was possible or was expected. The Madras Government had, therefore, to act within the period of time allotted to them to submit their report. It was not with any intention to prevent this House from getting any information. But the time at the disposal of the Madras Government was so short that we could not have the occasion for submitting the proposals to the Legislature, get their opinion, and then formulate the demands. Within the time at their disposal, the Madras Government had to get through."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" What was the time at the disposal of this Government, Sir?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I wish to point out to the hon. Members that if they pursue the question in this manner there is not much chance of the adjournment motion going through."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, in reply to the supplementary question of Dr. John, I wish to inform him that the date of the communication is 25th November 1949, and we received that communication from the Government of India towards the end of November 1949."

DR. P. S. SRINIVASAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the opinion of the Council or the opinion of the members of this House is statutorily required for the partition of this Province?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not think it is necessary. If it were necessary for us we would have waited for all these consultations to take place between the Legislature and the executive."

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, may I point out that the Hon. the Leader of the House stated as follows on the 17th November 1949 :—

' It is not my desire to shut this House out from discussing the matter, in fact, we want to take the House with us in any decision at which we arrive. We want the support of this House and it is our desire to take the views of both the Houses of Legislature. We are going to meet in December and from now to December, there is plenty of time for a communication or direction from the Government of India asking us for our opinion. '

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In view of the fact that this communication was received in November, may I know, whether there has been any extraordinary circumstance which has prevented the Hon. the Leader of the House from implementing his promise to this House?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is a pity that the hon. Member was not here when I was referring to this question in one of the supplementaries, which I answered this morning. Therein I stated that this Government were asked to submit their report in time so that the Government of India may decide and pass the necessary orders. So, the Government of Madras could not bring it before the Council."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if, in the communication of the Government of India, these three taluks of Bellary district have been treated as undisputed taluks and that they should be incorporated into the Andhra Province."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir. The Madras Government have themselves recommended in this matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether any definite date was fixed for a reply to the communication from the Government of India?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Government are aware of the resolution of the Bellary Municipal Council that the whole of the Bellary district should be included in the Andhra Province, in case the Madras Province is divided?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Alleged mismanagement of Sri Kothandaramaswami temple, Buchireddipalem, by the trustee.

* 84 *Q.*—SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether some petitions have been sent by the public of Buchireddipalem village in Nellore district, alleging mismanagement of Sri Kothandaramaswami temple in Buchireddipalem by the trustee;

(*b*) if so, what the charges levelled against the trustee in those petitions are;

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken to enquire into all those charges;

(*d*) if any enquiry has been conducted, by whom; and what the results of that enquiry are; and

(*e*) if the enquiry is not completed, how long it will take?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) A petition from the Secretary, Yuvajana Sangham, Buchireddipalem, and three others has been received.

" (*b*) The main charges are that the trustee is suppressing information regarding the income of the temple and is alienating the temple properties irregularly.